

**Corporal Steven Blaine Riccione Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 2244, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 67 Castle Street in Geneva, New York, as the “Corporal Steven Blaine Riccione Post Office”; **Pages H5722–23**

**Sergeant Jason W. Vaughn Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 2213, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Eastport Street in Iuka, Mississippi, as the “Sergeant Jason W. Vaughn Post Office”; **Pages H5723–24**

**Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 789, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Main Street in Little Ferry, New Jersey, as the “Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton Post Office”; **Pages H5724–25**

**First Lieutenant Oliver Goodall Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 1975, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 281 East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena, California, as the “First Lieutenant Oliver Goodall Post Office Building”; **Pages H5725–26**

**John Pangelinan Gerber Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 1843, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 489 Army Drive in Barrigada, Guam, as the “John Pangelinan Gerber Post Office Building”; and **Pages H5726–27**

**Matthew A. Pucino Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 2062, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45 Meetinghouse Lane in Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts, as the “Matthew A. Pucino Post Office”. **Pages H5727–28**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:50 p.m. and reconvened at 11:54 p.m. **Page H5729**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on July 26th:

Instructing the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution failures: H.R. 2056, amended, to instruct the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution failures. **Page H5729**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions of certain persons to undermine the sovereignty of Lebanon or its democratic processes and institutions is to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2011—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 112–47). **Page H5678**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5663, H5670.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1188 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and S. Con. Res. 26 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H5729**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5687–88, H5688–89, H5689, H5689–90, H5690–91, H5691, H5691–92, H5692–93. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:54 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### EXAMINATION OF USDA RESEARCH PROGRAMS

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of USDA Research Programs. The following Department of Agriculture officials: Edward B. Knipling, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Acting Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Cynthia Clark, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service; and Laurian Unnevehr, Acting Administrator, Economic Research Service.

### DOD’S PLANS FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT AND ACHIEVING AUDIT READINESS

**Committee on Armed Services:** Panel on Defense Financial Management and Auditability Reform held a meeting to receive testimony on DOD’s plans for financial management improvement and achieving audit readiness. Testimony was heard from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense; Elizabeth A. McGrath, Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense; and Asif A. Khan, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 2405, the “Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 1254, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act”; and H.R. 1852, the “Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act.” The following were ordered reported as amended: H.R. 1254; and H.R. 2405. The following was ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 1852.

**INSURANCE OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Insurance Oversight: Policy Implications for U.S. Consumers, Businesses and Jobs.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HAGUE CONVENTION ON THE CIVIL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing on Improving Implementation of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. Testimony was heard from Susan Jacobs, Special Advisor for Children’s Issues, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State, and Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies held a markup of H.R. 2658, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the ability of the Federal Protective Service to provide adequate security for the prevention of terrorist activities and for the promotion of homeland security, and for other purposes. The bill was ordered reported, as amended, to the full Committee.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee continued markup of the following: H.R. 1981, the “Protecting Children From Internet Pornographers Act of 2011”; H.R. 1433, the “Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2011”; H.R. 2633, the “Appeal Time Clarification Act of 2011”; H.R. 83, the “Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2189, the “Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2011.” H.R. 1981 was ordered reported, as amended. The markup is scheduled to continue on August 1, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing on the following: H.R. 50, the “Multinational Species Conservation Funds Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 1760, the “Great Ape Conservation Reauthorization Amendments Act”; and H.R. 1761, the “Marine Turtle Conservation Reauthorization Act.” Testimony was heard from Teiko Saito, Assistant Director for International Affairs, Fish and Wildlife Service; and public witnesses.

**IMPROPER MEDICARE PAYMENTS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing entitled “Improper Medicare Payments: \$48 Billion in Waste?” Testimony was heard from Daniel R. Levinson, Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Health and Human Services; Michelle Snyder, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Kay Daly, Director of Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; and Kathleen King, Director of Health Care, GAO.

**IMPACT OF OBAMACARE ON JOB CREATORS AND THEIR DECISION TO OFFER HEALTH INSURANCE**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census, and the National Archives held a hearing entitled “Impact of Obamacare on Job Creators and Their Decision to Offer Health Insurance.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**WAIVING CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII (REQUIRING A TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO CONSIDER A RULE ON THE SAME DAY IT IS REPORTED FROM THE RULES COMMITTEE)**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a record vote of 8 to 4, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported through the legislative day of August 2, 2011.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 2484, the “Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2011.” The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

**SMALL BUSINESSES AND PPACA**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Healthcare and Technology held a hearing entitled “Small Businesses and PPACA: If They Like Their Coverage, Can They Keep It?” Testimony was heard from Steven B. Larsen, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and public witnesses.

**IMPACT OF THE CFPB ON SMALL BUSINESS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations held a hearing

entitled “Open for Business: The Impact of the CFPB on Small Business.” Testimony was heard from Dan Sokolov, Deputy Associate Director for Research, Markets and Regulations, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a markup on the following: H.R. 2243, the “Veterans Employment Promotion Act”; H.R. 2388, the “Access to Timely Information Act”; and H.R. 2383, the “Modernizing Notice to Claimants Act.” The following was forwarded, as amended: H.R. 2383. The following were forwarded without amendment: H.R. 2243 and H.R. 2388.

## EVALUATING VA’S SDVOSB CERTIFICATION PROCESS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Evaluating VA’s SDVOSB Certification Process. Testimony was heard from Belinda J. Finn, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Gregory Kutz, Director, Forensic Audit and Investigative Services, GAO; and Tom Leney, Executive Director, Small and Veteran Business Programs, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Veterans Affairs.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a markup of the following: H.R. 1154, the “Veterans Equal Treatment for Service Dogs Act”; H.R. 1855, the “Veterans’ Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitative Services’ Improvements Act of 2011”; H.R. 2074, the “Veterans Sexual Assault Prevention Act”; H.R. 2530, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased flexibility in establishing rates for reimbursement of State homes by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for nursing home care provided to veterans; and H.R. 2646, to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects and leases, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and to modify certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. The following were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 1855 and H.R.

2646. The following were forwarded without amendment: H.R. 1154; H.R. 2074; and H.R. 2530.

## NEW IRS PAID TAX RETURN PREPARER PROGRAM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the new IRS paid tax return preparer program. Testimony was heard from David Williams, Director, IRS Return Preparer Office, Internal Revenue Service; Jim White, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

## ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing on Ongoing Intelligence Activities. This was a closed hearing.

## Joint Meetings

### COMMITMENTS AND CHALLENGES

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine United States policy and the Organization for Cooperation in Europe, focusing on making good on commitments and challenges, including unresolved conflicts, ethnic tension, corruption and lack of governance, racism and intolerance, and trafficking in persons, after receiving testimony from Philip H. Gordon, Assistant Secretary, Office of European and Eurasian Affairs, and Michael H. Posner, Assistant Secretary, Office of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, both of the Department of State; Alexander Vershbow, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Office of International Security Affairs; Michael Haltzel, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies Center for Transatlantic Relations, Washington, D.C.; and Catherine Fitzpatrick, Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights, New York, New York.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2011

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.